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ACCIDENT FIGURE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Survey conducted by the Khanna Committee on South Central Railway officialsstatistics it is noticed that the distorted feed back from the field to some extent failed to bring out valid trends for management to take corrective action with non-follow-up action on the non-reported accidents, unsafe practice down the line are not detected until a major accident occur; and

(b) if so, the Government`s stand on the said observation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b) South Central Railway is reporting all consequential train accidents to Railway Board according to extant instructions. In fact, various types of accidents are reported to different levels depending on their seriousness. Yard derailments etc. are reported only upto the level of Divisions. Smaller accidents not having serious repercussions are reported upto the level of Zonal Railways. Only `Consequential Train Accidents` which include collisions, derailments, level crossing accidents and fire cases having serious repercussions are reported to Railway Board. Thus, reporting to different levels for different types of accidents depend on their seriousness. However, even in case of yard derailments etc. accident inquiries are held at an appropriate level, and staff held responsible are taken up. Thus there is complete follow up action on each and every accident.

Safety is an ongoing and continuous process and action is taken at all the levels to avoid recurrence of similar accidents.